



November/December 2004

Holiday Dinner Party/Membership Meeting – December 4

Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005

Members please be aware that the Racing Rules of Sailing will incorporate certain changes beginning January 1, 2005. A synopsis of these changes can be found at http://www.ussailing.org/racemgt/Changes_RRS/Index.htm. You may follow the link to the new RRS in pdf format under Downloadable Sections... This version will highlight changes with a notation in the margin.

Members of US Sailing will receive their new rulebooks in the not-too-distant future. If you are not a member of US Sailing, please consider becoming one. You not only support sailing as a sport, but also receive the printed Racing Rules of Sailing and many other benefits (as described at <http://www.ussailing.org/membership/adultmem.htm>) as well as discounts on Regatta and Series registration fees.



Report from the Commodore

The Nominating Committee presented their nominees to fill the 2005 OYC Officer and Trustee positions at the OYC board meeting held on November 11, 2004. The Board voted to present this slate to the membership for approval. The election will be conducted at the Annual Membership Meeting which will be held in conjunction with the Holiday Dinner Party at the Mariner Villas Clubhouse on December 4, 2004. Please plan to attend. Your participation in the process is greatly appreciated. **Doug Riley will rise from Vice to Commodore.** The nominees are as follows.

Officer Nominees

- Vice Commodore – Steve Battel**
- Rear Commodore – Harry MacDonald**
- Secretary – Barbara Scott**
- Treasurer – Sherry Corbett**

At-Large Trustee Nominees

- Don Corey (For open Senior Trustee position)**
- John Guthrie**
- John Scott**
- Neil Liner**

Aaron Wood and John Cooper will remain on the Board as Senior At-Large Members.

See you at the party,
Rick Rowan, Commodore



Report from the Vice Commodore

The 2004 Racing Season came to an end with some of the most outstanding participation we've seen in years. We enjoyed seeing 20 boats on the starting line at the October 30 Commodore's Cup...Remember that this event is/was restricted to members of Outrigger Yacht Club only which makes the number of boats participating that much more exciting. I think we've learned how to increase participation...throw a race for free (bunch of \$&#*#* cheap sailors!). Dean Forbis on Echo took two bullets to win first place in the Spinnaker class, while Pete Calame on Brandel took first in Non-Spin A and Neil Liner on Air Transit barely defeated John Scharer on Zinfandel for first place in Non-Spin B.

In addition the Commodore's Cup, we enjoyed seeing 18 boats registered for the 150 Bridge Race. The wind was questionable so only 11 showed up at the starting line and OYC was well represented, including by the winner, Chuck Lineberry on Pearl of Great Price. Chuck was, however one of only two to actually finish the race in diminishing breezes.

The Pursuing the Cure for Huntington's Disease Regatta also enjoyed a good turnout of 21 Registrants...The registration fees might be a bit higher, but all profits go to the Huntington's Disease Society of America and the fee includes food and drink for just about the whole weekend. Taking home the big pewter first place overall trophy was Dean Forbis on Echo. Dean also won the Spin-A division, Richard Mayberry on FAST TIMES won the Spin-B division, Sam Bender on Raw Power won in Non-Spin A, Neil Liner won Non-Spin B, and up-and-comer John Scharer won the Cruiser division.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in racing or race management during the year. We made every attempt to provide a palatable race schedule and fun and competitive events. We learn a little with each event and each passing year and hope to make each ensuing year even better yet. I particularly want to recognize Steve Battel for selflessly volunteering for Committee Boat duty for just about every event we held in 2004. Volunteers are the backbone of this organization and people like Steve and others are what make it work.

Respectfully,
Doug Riley, Vice Commodore
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Report from the Rear Commodore

Greetings! A nice fall day, a little wind, and an oyster roast. You couldn't ask for a better day. Almost 40 of us got together after the race for oysters bean stew and refreshments. I knew we could do a number on the keg, but didn't expect that we'd polish off almost 10 cases of oysters too. Doug was manning the steamer and did a great job keeping up with the "good eaters" of OYC.

Our last social event of the year, the annual holiday party, is just a couple of weeks away on December 4. The party is at Mariner Villas. We'll be starting with cocktails at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:30. Our annual membership meeting follows dinner. The cost is only \$10, so come and enjoy the evening with your OYC friends. Please RSVP by November 1 to jim.juhl@adelphia.net or give me a call at 704-293-0780.

Happy Holidays
Jim Juhl, Rear Commodore

Special Notice

US Navy Junior ROTC Sailing Program

Ever wanted the opportunity to pass on your knowledge and love of sailing to the next generation? Have we got an opportunity for you. The board has agreed to promote a Navel Junior ROTC program from West Lincoln High school that will begin Spring/Summer 2005. Although we recognizing that we as a club cannot mandate you to donate your time, the board feels that this activity will not only benefit some of our brightest students, but also bring some goodwill to OYC and the sailing community in general.

Lt. Commander Karl Jordan, a Wednesday night regular on John Guthrie's *Lone Ranger*, is asking for a few good sailors and their boats. He will hand select 15 or so of his top students and lead them through a classroom course from US Sailing. Upon successfully completing the necessary requirements these High Schools students will then report to a designated location on the lake to begin on the water training with you.

The goals for the sailing program are pretty basic and will be common knowledge for most of you. Dates and times are yet to be determined and will depend on your schedules. Please think about this and see if you and your boat might be an opportunity for a kid to start a life-long love of sailing.

Please email Aaron Wood the following information if you are interested:

- Your Name
- Number of people you can take at one time (3-5 kids)
- Phone
- Email.

The program will start in the Spring/Summer 2005.

Thanks,
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